

Illinois State Museum



ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

*To better understand our world
is to enrich our lives*

The Illinois State Museum's mission is to foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural, cultural, and artistic heritage of Illinois. The Museum's extensive collections, held in trust for present and future generations, are the basis for its exhibits, programs, and research.



Robert W. Addison, *The Concert*, circa 1964.

*Visit the Illinois State Museum
and see the worlds of art and
nature unfold before you*



Natural History

Explore the habitats of plants and animals—from mushrooms and prickly pears to cattails and bearberries, from snapping turtles and snakes to bald eagles and bobcats.



Geology

See hundreds of colorful minerals and gems and learn about fossils—from Coal Age tree ferns to a giant Ice Age mastodont.

At Home in the Heartland

Meet people of Illinois' past and share their experiences. Learn how their values, standards of taste and personal preference, and availability of goods and services influenced their lives.



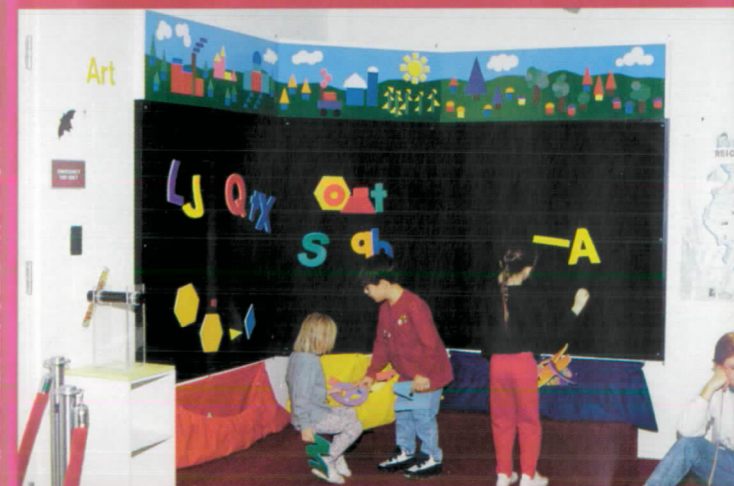
Peoples of the Past

Learn about the lifeways of Native Americans of the past. Encounter peoples of the Late Archaic (2500 B.C.) up through the Historic Kickapoo (A.D. 1810) in the lifelike dioramas.



The Galleries

Discover the diversity of fine, decorative, and folk arts in Illinois—from paintings, prints, and photography to sculpture, crafts, and multimedia works.



A Place for Discovery

In a room designed just for them, children of all ages can investigate the mysteries of art and nature with hands-on exhibits.

Visit all of our sites!



ISM World Wide Web Site:
<http://www.museum.state.il.us>

Dickson Mounds Museum
Daily 8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
Lewistown, IL
(309) 547-3721

Lockport Gallery
Tues.–Sat. 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
Sun. 12:00 NOON–5:00 P.M.
Lockport, IL
(815) 838-7400

Illinois Art Gallery
Mon.–Fri. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, IL
(312) 814-5322

Illinois Artisans Shop
Mon.–Fri. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, IL
(312) 814-5321

Southern Illinois Artisans Shop & Visitors Center
Daily 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
Rend Lake
Whittington, IL
(618) 629-2220

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Corner of Spring & Edwards
Springfield, Illinois 62706-5000
(217) 782-7386

Museum Hours

Free. Open Monday through
Saturday 8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M.,
Sundays 12:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. Closed
Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving,
Christmas, and New Year's Day.



The ISM and all its branches
are fully accessible.

TDD (217) 782-9175

How to find it...

The Museum is located on the
southwest corner of the State
Capitol grounds at Spring and
Edwards Streets. Routes into
Springfield and to the Museum are
well marked. Free parking is
available in the nearby Capitol
Complex Visitor's Center.

The Museum Store

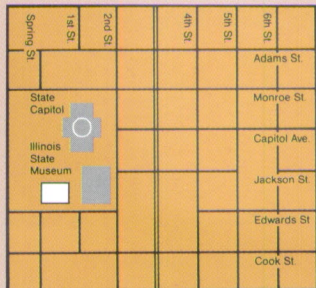
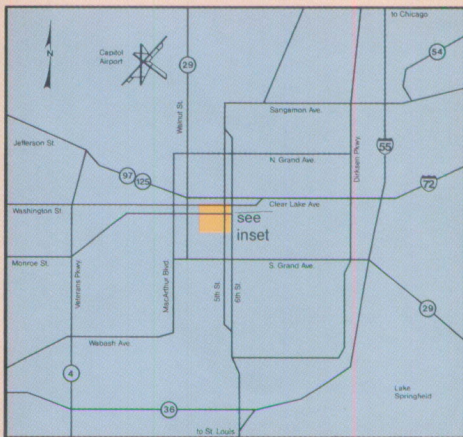
Visit the Museum Store for a
unique selection of books, cards,
jewelry, scientific games, and
Illinois arts and crafts.

Special Programs and Activities

Tours, lectures, films, and field-study
trips in natural history, anthropology,
and art are offered regularly. A variety
of school programs are also available.
For more information contact the
Education Section: school programs
(217) 782-0061 public programs
(217) 782-5993.

Membership

Join the Museum Society. Benefits
include discounts on Museum Store
purchases, tours, and programs and a
complimentary subscription the
Society's quarterly newsletter,
Impressions. Call (217) 782-5661.



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